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TO: Superintendent, Recovery School District (RSD LA)
Administrators, Type 5 Charter Schools (RSD LA)
FROM: Paul G. Pastorek
State Superintendent of Education
SUBJECT: FY2008-09 MFP Funding

The FY2008-09 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Formula approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and adopted in the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, House Concurrent Resolution 207, prescribes how the Recovery School District (RSD) is funded in partnership with the district of prior jurisdiction.

Student Count

In order to calculate the MFP allocation amounts for the RSD, the student counts for the RSD and the district of prior jurisdiction are combined. Initial funding of the MFP allocation amount for charter schools in the RSD is based on student counts as of February 1, 2008, as reported in the Student Information System (SIS) database by the district of prior jurisdiction. The MFP formula provides for a student count of 42,907 in East Baton Rouge Parish with 1,460 students in the RSD, and a student count of 2,962 in Pointe Coupee Parish with 563 students in the RSD. Funding will be adjusted based on October 1, 2008 student counts as reported in SIS.

The MFP Resolution provides that schools in the RSD have the option to ask the State Superintendent to increase the number of students on which monthly payments are made if it is determined that the actual student enrollment will exceed the projected enrollment prior to October 1, 2008.

State and Local Per Pupil Amount – East Baton Rouge Parish (EBR)

The total MFP State Share and Local Revenue Allocation to RSD Chartered Schools in East Baton Rouge Parish is \$9,311 per pupil. The per pupil calculation is as follows:

\$3,636	State Share
\$248	FY2007/08 Certificated Pay Raise Continuation
\$61	FY2007/08 Support Worker Pay Raise Continuation
<u>\$5,366</u>	Local Revenue Allocation
\$9,311	Total State and Local Per Pupil Amount

The RSD State Share is based on the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board's MFP State Share per pupil amount from Levels 1, 2, and 3, prior to the continuation of the FY2007-08 pay raise, from the most recent legislatively approved MFP formula. The MFP formula calculation for FY2008-09 was finalized with the issuance of Circular 1110 on June 30, 2008; therefore, the State per pupil amount is final.

The RSD Local Revenue Allocation is calculated utilizing estimated FY2007-08 total ad valorem and sales tax revenue amounts excluding those taxes dedicated to debt, tax collection fees, and expenditures for facility acquisition and construction. The local per pupil amount of \$5,366 is determined by dividing the FY2007-08 estimated local revenues by the projected total number of students for East Baton Rouge Parish. The local per pupil amount for FY2008-09 will be adjusted by dividing the estimated FY2007-08 local revenues by actual October 1, 2008 students. **The local per pupil amount may increase or decrease depending on the actual number of students in East Baton Rouge Parish on October 1, 2008.**

State and Local Per Pupil Amount – Pointe Coupee Parish

The total MFP State Share and Local Revenue Allocation to RSD Chartered Schools in Pointe Coupee Parish is \$7,873 per pupil. The per pupil calculation is as follows:

\$3,978	State Share
\$250	FY2007/08 Certificated Pay Raise Continuation
\$74	FY2007/08 Support Worker Pay Raise Continuation
<u>\$3,571</u>	Local Revenue Allocation
\$7,873	Total State and Local Per Pupil Amount

The RSD State Share is based on the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board's MFP State Share per pupil amount from Levels 1, 2, and 3, prior to the continuation of the FY2007-08 pay raise, from the most recent legislatively approved MFP formula. The MFP formula calculation for FY2008-09 was finalized with the issuance of Circular 1110 on June 30, 2008; therefore, the State per pupil amount is final.

The RSD Local Revenue Allocation is calculated utilizing estimated FY2007-08 total ad valorem and sales tax revenue amounts excluding those taxes dedicated to debt, tax collection fees, and expenditures for facility acquisition and construction. The local per pupil amount of \$3,571 is determined by dividing the FY2007-08 estimated local revenues by the projected total number of students for Pointe Coupee Parish. The local per pupil amount for FY2008-09 will be adjusted by dividing the estimated FY2007-08 local revenues by actual October 1, 2008 students. **The local per pupil amount may increase or decrease, depending on the actual number of students in Pointe Coupee Parish on October 1, 2008.**

RSD Charter School Administrative Fee

The administrative fee charged by the RSD to cover district level expenditures such as business services, facilities management, and communications is 2% of the State and local allocation amount. The administrative fee is calculated as follows:

	<u>East Baton Rouge</u>	<u>Pointe Coupee</u>
State Share Per Pupil	\$3,636	\$3,978
Local Revenue Allocation Per Pupil	\$5,366	\$3,571
Total State and Local Per Pupil Amount	\$9,002	\$7,549
2% Administrative Fee	\$180	\$151

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Paula Matherne at 225.342.3590 or via email at paula.matherne@la.gov. You may also use the Department's toll-free number, 877.453.2721.

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